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Planners Outline Study Scope For Metro Station Environs

by Diane Oberg

County planning officials are beginning a review of the zoning around the Greenbelt Metro Station to determine what changes would be appropriate. As part of this process, representatives of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), which handles zoning review for Prince George's County, met with the Greenbelt City Council on October 23. They discussed the study of the area that they are now doing.

Although it has long been assumed that a Transportation District Overlay Zone (TDOZ) would be created in the area, Joe Chang, a planner in MNCPPC's Urban Design Planning Division, said that this is not definite. The current study will examine the feasibility of a TDOZ versus other possible plans.

Monty Kolste, Chief of the Urban Design Division, said the product of the current study will be strategies and a planning recommendations paper. The study will involve taking a comprehensive look at the "issues, opportunities and problems" in the study area. Among the issues to be examined are: the feasibility of a TDOZ versus its alternatives, whether there is a need for a study of the Greenbelt Road corridor or for a sector study for Springhill Lake, the effect of the additional buildings planned for Capital Office Park, the traffic and wetlands effects of the U.S. Department of Agriculture headquarters complex being constructed on Sunnyside, and code enforcement issues at Springhill Lake. The study and report will

not get into specifics of density and design.

Study Area

The study area consists of the station and yards, Capital Office Park, the U.S. District Court-house, the A.H. Smith property, Beltway Plaza and the adjacent school bus lot, Springhill Lake and parts of Hollywood, Branchville and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). These properties are enclosed by Sunnyside Avenue, Edmonston Rd./Kenilworth Ave., Greenbelt Road and Rhode Island Ave. (see map). The primary "focus area" consists of the station and Smith properties.

Process

While this is the first time that the county officials have met with the city council, Kolste said that they have been meeting regularly since February with representatives of the city's Department of Planning and Community Development. Among the developments affecting the planning area are the recently approved Gateway Park shopping center and (eventually) office park to be located at the northwest quadrant of Rte. 1 and the beltway, the Beltsville Industrial Center, BARC, NASA and the University of Maryland. As NASA increases its use of contractors, he said, these companies may wish to locate near the center, Chang said.

Environmental Issues

A major issue in the study will be environmental concerns. Stacy Miller, a planner in MNCPPC's Natural Resources Division, presented several charts

showing the wetlands and floodplains in the focus area (unfortunately, she said that copies could not be provided to this paper or the city for several months, allowing for verification of the underlying data). She noted that Indian Creek runs through the study area, and that protection of the Indian Creek Watershed, which is part of the larger Anacostia River Watershed, is one of the main environmental issues. There are a lot of initiatives, she said, to improve the water quality of the Anacostia Watershed.

Miller estimated that 52 percent of the focus area is floodplain and 42 percent is wetland. Although most of the wetlands are within the floodplain, there are some smaller wetland areas outside of the floodplain.

Development in a floodplain or a wetland requires a permit and generally requires mitigation (for wetlands this generally means the development of artificial wetlands in another location). Mayor Antoinette Bram protested the idea of permitting further "mitigation." She charged that earlier mitigation efforts have caused Beaver Dam to nearly dry up. While Miller did not discuss the details of the Beaver Dam issue, she acknowledged that it is difficult to duplicate Mother Nature, but noted that some mitigation projects have been successful, particularly more recent ones that build upon what was learned from earlier efforts.

Roughly 96 acres of the focus area are wooded. The Woodland Conservation Act protects "sensitive" areas. See METRO page 11, col. 1



The line of waiting voters snakes back and forth around the multipurpose room at Eleanor Roosevelt High School at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

-photo by Steve Fletcher

Greenbelters Talk at Polls

by Kerana Todorov

In an unscientific poll last Tuesday, many Greenbelters said they opposed the repeal of the Tax Reform Initiative by Marylanders (TRIM) because they felt the extra money would not necessarily go to safety and education. Others voted for repeal of the property tax cap because they said Prince George's County needed more money. The repeal of TRIM was defeated.

Voters were also asked what they liked best and least about Greenbelt. Many said they enjoyed the diversity the city offered. On the least favorable aspects of the city, however, people

Still, others felt strongly otherwise about TRIM. A 49-year-old man said he had come "specifically to vote to repeal TRIM." He also said that he had voted for Clinton and Hoyer. He explained that he loved everything about the community, even though "it is getting very congested." He also said he was concerned about the future of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC).

Others, such as Gilbert and Ellen Lee, voted to repeal TRIM because they said more money should go to the library and the schools. Gilbert Lee said that if

"They need to manage their money better."

—54 year old woman

City Considers Grant to Hire Civilians To Do Police Work

by Virginia Beauchamp

Hoping to take advantage of a federal program for community oriented policing, the Greenbelt Police Department recently prepared a grant application, which they presented to the city council for approval at their regular meeting on October 28. Lt. John Lann spoke on behalf of the police department's proposal, which would require the commitment of matching funds from the city.

The grant request seeks to hire two additional civilian employees to take over duties now carried out by uniformed officers. These officers would thus be freed for other duties within the community. Another part of the request asks for funding to purchase 16 laptop computers for patrol officers in the field. The total amount of money requested would be \$91,044, which would require matching funds from the city of \$30,350.

According to the application, one civilian position would be

used to replace a corporal currently assigned to such administrative tasks as supervising records and keeping track of departmental property, evidence and impounded vehicles. If relieved of these duties, this officer could then be reassigned to community-oriented duties: controlling traffic, serving on the bike patrol or as a foot-patrol officer west of Kenilworth Ave. or as an animal-control officer.

The second position is currently held by a private first-class who functions as an evidence technician. This officer responds to and processes crime scenes, collecting evidence and photographing and processing the photos of a crime scene. If relieved of these duties, this officer would be reassigned as school resource officer at the Greenbelt Middle School.

Acquisition of the 16 requested laptop computers, according to the application, would reduce the accumulated work

hours of those officers using them by an estimated 2736 hours per year—a time savings which could be redeployed in neighborhood work.

Council Response

Mayor Antoinette Bram's first question dealt with possible implications of employing a civilian to record crime scenes and to conduct evidence retrieval. "Are civilians used elsewhere for such work?" she asked.

Lt. Lann assured her that such deployment of civilians had a long history in many police jurisdictions. "As long as 22 years ago," he said, when he worked for the police department in the city of Baltimore, he had been familiar with civilians carrying out such work.

Councilmember Ed Putens raised a different issue. Three months ago, he said accusatorially, he had asked for city staff to look into the possibility of setting up a video camera

See COUNCIL page 11, col. 4

had different opinions. Voters were interviewed at the Greenbelt Elementary and Roosevelt High School exit polls.

"They need to manage the money better," said a 54-year-old woman who did not give her name. She otherwise voted for the Democratic candidates, President Bill Clinton and Rep. Steny Hoyer.

Another woman, 50 years old, who voted for Robert Dole and John Morgan, also voted against the repeal. "We are paying enough. I want (County Executive Wayne Curry) Mr. Curry to state what he wants to do in writing." If he knew specifically what Curry was going to do with extra revenues, a 41-year-old artist would have voted for repeal. "I don't mind paying taxes," he said. But "I am not sure about Wayne Curry," he added. He also said he loved the location of Greenbelt and the activism of its residents.

Troy Morgan, 38, said he voted against the repeal. He said that he was sure that public works and the schools would not directly benefit from the extra fundings. Instead, he said the money would cover union wages.

more money was allocated for education, there would eventually be fewer social problems. He and his wife have children enrolled in the local public schools. The Lees said they liked the community spirit of Greenbelt. For instance, Gilbert said he enjoyed the Labor Day Festival. Ellen Lee also said that she had voted against Question I because this would take away the role of the council.

Others preferred not to reveal how they voted. A female federal worker, 40, said she considered voting a "responsibility" which should stay a private decision. Of Greenbelt, she said, "There is an interesting mix of people. The least favorable aspect was the traffic, which has worsened since she moved here in 1982.

Before the closing of the polls at Roosevelt High School, Rep. Steny Hoyer came to shake a few voters' hands and to thank Democratic workers and voters working there. He said he was surprised how close the Senatorial race was in Virginia between Democratic candidate Mark Warner and Republican Sen. John Warner.

Letters to the Editor

Not Yesterday

I am writing to respond to Quentin Maule's letter (News Review, Nov. 7). First, I would like to thank Mr. Maule for voicing his concerns and thereby giving me the opportunity to address what seem to be some prevalent concerns about the renovation of the Roosevelt Center Mall.

Many people share Mr. Maule's feeling that it was "only yesterday" that the mall was renovated. In fact, it was about 25 years ago. Certainly, considerable cost was required to plant the Bradford pear trees and to install the wood benches (all of which were installed 25 years ago, not one year ago). It is unfortunate that landscape architects and horticulturists at that time did not yet realize that this particular variety of pear tree is so very short-lived. It is also unfortunate that a combination of time, vandalism, and simple wear-and-tear has rendered the seating in our town center scarred, cracked, broken and unsightly.

To address the issue of the Bradford pear trees in greater detail:

- This variety of pear tree cannot be preserved for "decades," as Mr. Maule states. They may be held together for a few more years, then they will split apart. Structurally, they are highly unsound at this point. Sadly, they will not survive long enough to allow them to become "vener-



able," as much as we would all like. The two trees that have been removed from the center were not chopped down because they might split eventually. They were removed because they completely split apart. The most recent tree to split, just a few weeks ago, damaged a building in the mall. The other trees will soon follow suit, as two independent arborists have reported.

- If, as Mr. Maule suggests, we "do not replace a tree until it is finished," further damage to buildings and potential injury to pedestrians can result. In addition, the net visual result will be that we watch our town center disintegrate, tree by lost tree, with the broken pavement associated with the tree and root removal. The alternative is to face the very real problems we have in the center now, as the City Council is responsibly doing by exploring comprehensive solutions to these problems. Piece-meal attempts at the center disintegrates are not cost-effective over the long run, nor are they at all attractive.

One of Greenbelt's greatest assets is its historic town center.

Whether we are looking at this issue from a historic preservation standpoint, a property value standpoint, or a quality of life standpoint, we all stand to gain, ultimately, by tackling the problems in the center and restoring some of the original 1937 plan.

Mr. Maule will get little resistance to his views on the need to renovate the Mother and Child statue. It most certainly needs attention as well as protection from further damage. However, a glance at any of the wonderful photographs of the statue and its original surroundings will show you that the figure was indeed made at such a scale and placed in such a position that the intent was definitely for the statue to be seen and appreciated as a focal point from great distances as well as close up. Take a stroll through the halls of the Community Center where many of these photographs are on display, and see for yourself. The simplicity of the statue, smooth, bold forms and lack of detail are its beauty. Why are we shrouding it?

Change is difficult, particularly when the change involves something or someone beloved. The proposed changes to the Roosevelt Center mall are designed to restore some important historic elements to the town center, yet retain the tree-shaded ambience we have all come to love in the existing design. Above all, the intent is to provide a safe, attractive, and long-lasting outdoor area for all to enjoy—in the most cost-effective manner possible.

Sharon Bradley-Papp
(Bradley-Papp is the city's consultant landscape architect for Roosevelt Center.)

Please Help

I'm writing to you in my time of need in hope you can find it in your heart to help me if you can.

I was born in Greenbelt and lived there until I was 7. Mom and Dad died in an automobile accident when I was 14 and I was in and out of foster homes until I became 18. I'm now 27 years old and incarcerated. I have never felt this kind of loneliness before.

I have an uncle Bill P. Johnson who lives in or around Greenbelt that I'm trying to find. He is the only family I have, and I'm hoping he will write to me. I need someone I can trust with my thoughts and feelings

Jerry A. Johnson
295254. C.S.P.
4600 Fulton Mill Road
Macon, GA 31213

Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Senior Aquatic Exercise group for the wonderful celebration of my 80th birthday on Monday, November 4 and also thank the Golden Age Club and other members of our community for the many birthday cards I received.

Raymond R.Haber

Fall Fling Yard Sale

On Saturday, November 16, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will hold its annual yard sale. The church is located on Greenbelt Road across from the American Legion.

The yard sale will feature used jewelry, clothing, books, toys, furniture, and tools, as well as crafts and baked goods made by the members of the church. The yard sale will be held in the church's Fellowship Hall in case of rain.

The funds raised by this event will go toward local, regional, and national missions.

Celtic Concert At Arts Center

On Saturday, November 23, at 8 p.m., the Greenbelt Arts Center will present another in its popular series of Celtic Evening concerts, featuring music and song from many Celtic lands.

Mac-Talla, a twelve-member group of Gaelic singers known for their close harmony, will perform work songs, hymns, laments, Christmas carols and other songs in Scottish Gaelic, and a few in Manx Gaelic (the ancient language of the Isle of Man). Skye Gathering, a more intimate "Chamber group" consisting of fiddle, cello, harp, bodhran and voice will play and sing pieces ranging from lullabies to murder ballads. Greenbelters may remember seeing them perform at the New Deal Cafe last May.

A ceilidh is a Scottish party, and the Homespun Ceilidh Band, a Celtic big band with instruments from fiddle and hammered dulcimer to viola da gamba, will make people want to kick up their heels to their rollicking music from Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, Wales, Nova Scotia and the Isle of Man. Greenbelters John Ward and Trix Whitehall, who perform with all three groups, guarantee a good time for all.

In honor of Prince George's County's 300th anniversary, the concert will highlight music that traveled to the New World from the old Celtic lands and became popular in Colonial times and later in this country's history. There will be only one performance, and seats for the Celtic Evenings always fill up quickly. Reservation line at 301-441-8770 for further information.

OPEN HOUSE

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
NOV. 18, 19 & 20

at

Greenbelt Nursery School & Kindergarten.

Greenbelt Community Center - 15 Crescent Road

Immediate openings in the school's 4-Day afternoon program for children ages 3-5.

Interested parents are invited to bring their children to this open house and share with the GNS&K children as they participate in 'Fall Harvest' activities.

Snacks will be provided for the children.

For further information, please call

474-5570.

60th Anniversary Committee to Meet

Greenbelt's 60th Anniversary Committee will have a special planning meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 20 in the large classroom at the Committee Center. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn
474-5285

Condolences to Fernando Chambers, of Ridge Road, on the recent death of his mother, Ellen Chambers.

Marine Pfc. Thomas E. Starnes, son of Donna Ditoto of Lakecrest Drive, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. He is a 1996 graduate of ERHS.

They wouldn't call until Editor Mary Lou Williamson had sent the week's News Review to the printer. Then son-in-law Til Jolly announced the arrival of Jim and Mary Lou's newest grandchild on November 6 and the happy grandparents dashed off to George Washington Hospital to meet Katherine Dunn Jolly and see mother Carolyn. Father Til is an emergency room physician at the hospital.

Marine Pfc. Purushotham Murukutla, son of Sharma B. and Jyothi Murukutla of Somerset Court, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. He is a 1996 graduate of ERHS.

Marine Pfc. Jason S. Lucero, son of John and Susan Lucero of Hanover Parkway, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. He is a 1995 graduate of Riverdale Baptist High School of Landover.

Marine Pfc. Howard K. Choi, son of Thomas P. and Susan I. Choi of Somerset Court, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. He is a 1996 graduate of ERHS.

ERHS Hosts Annual Science Competition

Students in grades 5-12 are invited to participate in the 6th Annual Final Frontiers science competition. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 23, at Eleanor Roosevelt High School from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The event, sponsored by the Maryland Space Business Roundtable of Beltsville, features five competitions in which participants use drinking straws, balsa wood, glue, masking tape and other inexpensive materials to create sturdy devices designed to meet specific engineering challenges. Participants will compete in three separate divisions according to their grade in school: 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12. All first-place winners in each division will receive an award, and two \$50 "Best Engineer" awards will be given for outstanding performance.

"Final Frontiers is not just for smart students; it's for all students," says Wilson Bascom, physics teacher who began the competition more than 10 years ago as a physics contest for high school students. "What we're doing here is giving kids a chance to do some problem-solving and to work in teams to come up with the best possible solutions," said Bascom.

Final Frontiers is not a typical science fair. Kids actually compete against one another to determine which team (or school) has created the best device to meet a specific engineering challenge.

The Maryland Space Business Roundtable is a nonprofit organization that promotes the state's \$2 billion-a-year space industry. The Roundtable sponsors the annual event in the hope that it might spark student interest in math and science, and ultimately motivate some to pursue technical careers.

To receive a copy of the official rules, contact Wilson Bascom at 301-279-8595 or Lori Keesey at 301-258-0192.

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Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The November 6 business meeting for the month was very well attended. Guests introduced were Rayetta Henson and Edmund Cartier.

Jim Maher gave an excellent Travel Committee report and revealed a few of his plans for 1997. Obviously Golden Age Club members can look forward to more great trips. Probably the Tuesday, November 19, trip is full by now, but there should still be space available for the December trip. See a member of the Travel Committee at the meetings to sign up.

Sue Sharpe gave a report on the Prince George's Council of Clubs which she and Florence Holley attend as representatives of Greenbelt. They invited members to attend one of the monthly meetings sometime. They meet at the old Prince George's Country Club. If interested call Sue at (301) 474-5181 or Florence at (301) 474-6646.

Mary Hooper announced that she can order Golden Age tee-shirts for those members who want them. See Mary at the meeting to place your order.

The Wednesday, Nov. 20, meeting will be a celebration of the November birthdays. Finger foods will be welcomed.

After listening to weather reports from Ohio and Pennsylvania, it is clear winter will soon be upon us. In case of inclement weather, remember to listen to the school closings. The Golden Age Club meetings will be cancelled if Prince George's schools are closed.

Stay well and come out to the meetings.

Apples for Teachers Supports Schools

by Verna Rupert

Unit Education Chairperson

Plans for participation in the observance of American Education Week, November 18 - 22, were announced this week by Greenbelt Unit No. 136, American Legion Auxiliary. This year's theme, "The Future Begins in Today's Schools," reflects 75 years of concern and interest by the American Legion family and other professional groups.

Unit 136 will express its appreciation to the teachers of the community schools by delivering baskets of apples and a poem of appreciation to them. During the week the Unit will also provide bookmarks encouraging students to read, which will be given to each student visiting the school library during the week. Throughout the year, publications encouraging safety, civic pride and scholarship will be distributed.

American Education Week is not just for active parents and educators, it's for everyone. Every person has a duty and responsibility to see that all children are prepared to take up the roles of citizens and leaders in the years to come.

The Greenbelt community can be proud of its fine schools. All citizens are urged to:

- o Reaffirm their commitment to improving and supporting education at all levels, and
- o Translate this commitment into action by visiting local schools during American Education Week and becoming involved.

Community Events

Fall Bike Rides

The Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition will sponsor two bike rides in November from Greenbelt to sites in the county's tricentennial passport tour program. All area bicyclists are welcome to participate. On Sunday, Nov. 17, the group will ride to Dorsey Chapel and Marietta Mansion. On Sunday, Nov. 24, the group will ride to Bladensburg waterfront and Riversdale Mansion. Those who have visited all 16 sites in the passport program can turn in their completed passports at Riversdale Mansion that day to qualify for prizes in the tricentennial contest. Both rides will leave from Roosevelt Center at 1 p.m. and return before dark. Riders must wear helmets. There is no charge to participate in the rides, but both Riversdale and Marietta have entrance fees. For more information, call Steven Harper at 301-513-9368.

Scouting for Food

Cub Scouts from Pack 202 and Boy Scouts from Troop 746 will be returning to Greenbelt neighborhoods on Saturday, November 16, to collect donations of nonperishable food items as part of the annual Scouting for Food Campaign.

Bags for food donations were distributed to homes along Ridge Road as well as to homes in the GHI, Boxwood, Lakewood and Lakeside communities on Saturday, November 9.

All contributions will be taken to the Greenbelt Food Pantry for use by members of the Greenbelt community. Anyone living in these areas who would like to make a donation but who did not receive a bag should place the food items in a bag on or near the front door of the house by 9 a.m. this Saturday, November 16.

Gray Panthers Meet

Delegate James Hubbard will address The Gray Panthers Saturday, November 16, at 2 p.m. He will report on the coming legislative session. There will be a business meeting and election of officers at 1:30, preceding the talk.

Library Friends Meet

Friends of the Greenbelt Library (FOGL) will gather on Monday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. on the library's lower level to discuss library funding.

All are welcome to attend FOGL meetings and to become involved as library volunteers.

Open House Slated For Nursery School

The Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten, located in the Greenbelt Community Center, has scheduled an Open House from 1-3 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 18, 19, and 20.

There are immediate openings in the school's 4-day afternoon program for ages 3-5. Interested parents are invited to bring their children to this open house and share with the GNS&K children as they participate in Fall Harvest activities. Snacks will be provided for the children.

For further information call 301-474-5570.

Fun at Goddard

There will be a model rocket launch on Sunday, November 17 at 1 p.m. at the Goddard Visitor Center. Learn the principles of rocketry. Bring a rocket to launch or just come and watch. All launches are monitored for safety. In case of inclement weather call 301-286-8981. The Visitor Center is located on Explorer Road near the intersection of Soil Conservation and Greenbelt Roads.

Canned Food Drive

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks residents are encouraged to donate canned goods and boxed food items to the Canned Food Drive. The food will be used to help provide Thanksgiving Dinner for needy families in Greenbelt and other areas of Prince George's County. Donations can be dropped off in the Game Room at Greenbriar's Community Building between now and November 22. For more information call Barbara at 301-441-1096.

GHI Notes

The Architecture & Environment Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 20, at 7:30 in the GHI Board Room.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, November 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

Free Film at Center

The Greenbelt Community Center shows a free movie every third Thursday of each month at one p.m. in the Community Meeting Room. The film for November 21 is Diabolique, with Simone Signoret in a classic thriller that builds to a suspenseful finish. Everyone is welcome.

Meeting on Visual Arts Planning

All Greenbelt artists, arts educators, and all those interested in the arts are invited to participate in a discussion about the future of visual arts programming at the Greenbelt Community Center. A meeting is planned for Thursday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. in the Children's Pottery Room on the second floor of the Community Center. A proposal will be presented at this time. Come and contribute your ideas. For further information, call Barbara Simon, 301-474-2192 or Jessica Gitlis, 301-441-3859.

Forum on Housing For Mentally Ill

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Prince George's County is sponsoring Walter Szyndler, speaking at the Greenbelt Library on Wednesday, November 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. Szyndler has worked in vocational and residential services for 25 years and has delivered workshops on innovative, alternative methods of developing housing for people with special needs across the U.S. and at international meetings. He has authored manuals on the subject.

There will be time for discussion with the audience. For information call Marge Owens, 301-345-1572 or Agnes Hatfield 301-982-2053.

APB Rescheduled

The meeting of the Advisory Planning Board scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, has been canceled. The next regular meeting will be held at the Community Center in the Museum Room at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4.

Entertainment Slated For New Deal Cafe

This weekend at the New Deal Cafe brings some of the Washington area's finest talent to the stage. Singer-songwriters Sara Landymore and Abby Bardi will be appearing at the Cafe on a rare double bill on Friday, November 15, followed by Tracy McDonnell and the Estrogenics on Saturday Nov. 16. The music starts at 8 p.m. and the cafe's usual tantalizing coffee and desserts will be on hand, including the works of Don Comis - Greenbelt's own muffin maestro.

The main act for next Friday, November 22 could be anyone, as the New Deal Cafe hosts its monthly open mike night. Singers, storytellers, poets and comedians are all welcome to share their talents with their neighbors at the Cafe. Sign up about 7:30; the fun begins in earnest about 8 p.m. Saturday night, November 23 will feature Lori Wirtz and friends with a mixed bag of folk songs and good times.

The New Deal Cafe is located in the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road, and at http://www2.ari.net/home/gking/new_deal.html on the Internet.

Explore Oral History

On Friday, November 22, Julie McCullough, of Your Story: Oral and Family Histories, will be presenting at Explorations Unlimited. McCullough, a historian, is currently a doctoral student at the University of Maryland. She has been using oral history to explore 20th century U.S. cultural and social history. Her presentation will describe oral history and how people can present and preserve their own history.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Please call 397-2208 for more information.



GREENBELT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB Winter Basketball & Cheerleading Registration

Basketball Co-ed Intramural Teams

Ages 6-9

County Boys Basketball Teams

Ages 10-14

Girls Basketball Teams

Ages 10-14

Season begins in January

Registration Information call Mel Scites 441-8689

Coaching Positions for Basketball call Ava Ramey 220-0942

Cheerleading Information call Marion Holland 345-0231

New Deal Cafe



Come in this weekend and meet your friends for a coffee, espresso drink, or a pot of tea. Splurge with one of our delicious pastries or homemade muffins, and enjoy free live music!

Fri, Nov. 15th: **Sara Landymore & Abby Bardi**
great singer songwriter stuff!

Sat, Nov. 16th: **The Estrogenics**
high-energy avant-garde folk

Fri, Nov. 22nd: **Open Mike** - where you are the star!

Sat, Nov. 23rd: **Lori Wirtz & Friends**

(not to mention family!) Full of surprises!

Open Fri-Sat 6PM-11 PM, 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 474-5642



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI Board of Directors

Thursday, November 21, 1996

7:30 p.m.

GHI Board Room

Immediately Following GDC Meeting

GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Rental Garage Policy - Final Policy
- 1997 Proposed Budget
- Third Quarter Operating Statement

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Approval of Trust Ownership & Trustee's Affidavits
- 1997 Proposed Budget - First Reading
- Ivy Regulations
- Request for Privacy Screen - 2-G Gardenway

Board meetings are open to members.

Choral Festival Held By Area Musicians

Celebrating the musical heritage of Prince George's County, the "Many Voices, One Song" series of choral events has showcased area choruses in programs featuring community performance groups and area composers. The final concert in the County's Tricentennial choral celebration takes place on Sunday, November 17, at 3 p.m. at The Show Place Arena, Upper Marlboro, in a choral festival with music groups from communities, churches and organizations.




Hundreds of singers from area churches, choirs and ensembles will join the Bowie Brass Quintet, Washington Symphonic Brass Quintet and Percussion Ensemble and organist Marvin Mills to present the Massed Choir Festival in celebration of 300 years of American hymn tune and choral singing in Prince George's County. Well-known conductors Dr. James Norris, director of Choral Activities at Howard University, and Dr. Paul Traver, director of the renowned Maryland Chorus, will lead singers and audience in familiar and well-loved old American hymn tunes.


There is a fee. For information, call 301-454-1450, TTY 301-454-1472, or visit the Web site at <http://www.inform.umd.edu/PG300>. This program will be sign interpreted for people with hearing impairments, and seating for persons with disabilities is available.

The program is a presentation of the Prince George's County Tricentennial Celebration Committee in cooperation with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Arts and Cultural Heritage Division, Prince George's County. The Commission encourages the participation of individuals with disabilities.

AMI Meets in Laurel

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI) of Prince George's County will meet on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Laurel Mental Health Clinic, 8101 Sandy Spring Rd. in Laurel.


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Fifty Years Ago Feeding Refugees

by James Giese

March, April, 1946—By the end of World War II, Europe and the far East were devastated and normal services and supply lines were disrupted. Millions of families were displaced, refugees of the war. Feeding of these persons, a critical priority of this country, involved many Greenbelters.

The March 29 issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator carried an editorial by News Editor Anne Hull titled "The Invisible Guest."

"The most important single fact in the world today is that half a billion people abroad face death by starvation in the next four months," the editorial began. "We cannot remain apathetic in the face of this knowledge because there are many ways in which everyone of us, both as individuals and as members of groups, can help alleviate the situation." Hull urged Greenbelters to follow up on Herbert Hoover's suggestion that every American family adopt an "invisible guest," a starving European, to imagine at the family board.

As usual, Greenbelters organized. Thirteen Greenbelt organizations attended a meeting called by Greenbelt Consumer Services on March 18 to form the town-wide Greenbelt Food Committee. The committee organized canvassers to call upon housewives to tell about the town's food conservation program. The housewives were asked to sign pledges to conserve food to aid the starving people abroad. Upon signing, the housewife received a sticker to place in her kitchen window and a menu reference card.

De Looper Exhibit

The Art Gallery of the University of Maryland in College Park presents a thirty-year retrospective exhibition of the work of Willem de Looper, Washington painter and former Chief Curator of the Phillips Collection through December 20. It will include an extensive selection of significant work chronicling his career as one of Washington's most important artists.

This will be the first time that so many de Looper works have been brought together at one time, and the only exhibition thus far to approach a definitive review of his oeuvre. The works on display range from very large paintings—one is 14 feet wide—to intimate works on paper, prints and artist's books—two of the books are only 2x3 inches.

The artist will give a Gallery Talk on Wednesday, November 20, at 7 p.m. The Art Gallery at the University of Maryland is free and open to the public seven days a week. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 12 to 4, Wednesdays until 9 and Saturday and Sunday from 1 until 5. For information, call 301-405-2763.

In the Co-op foodstore, a meal display showed the meagerness of the average European menu in contrast to the abundant and nourishing diet of the average Greenbelt family. At the Co-op drugstore, the window display showed a map of the countries facing starvation unless they could be provided with a minimum of wheat products and fats within the next 120 days.

Judith Resnik Group Meets Next Tuesday

The Judith Resnik Group of Greater Washington Hadassah will hold its next meeting at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19 at the home of Rena Sodie.

The program will be a presentation by Dr. David Stern, entitled *In Memory's Kitchen: A Legacy from the Women of Terezin*.

For more information and directions and to RSVP, please call 301-345-2018.

Hadassah is a not-for-profit organization involved in support of Hadassah hospitals and other Hadassah projects in Israel, as well as educational, social, and youth projects in Israel and the United States.

Talking Turkey At Watkins Park

Watkins Nature Center, located in Watkins Region Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Largo, is sponsoring "Turkey Talk." This family nature program will be held on Saturday, November 23, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet a live turkey, expand their knowledge of turkey trivia, compete in a turkey calling contest and more.

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Arts Center Offers Adult Open House

The Art & Learning Center at the University of Maryland will hold an Adult Open House Wednesday November 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Macke Room and the Art & Learning Center in the University's Stamp Student Union.

People can view art work by current students in photography, drawing and pottery and preview spring arts and leisure classes. There will also be a series of interactive workshops by professional artists from the staff.

The Center offers non-credit courses in fall, spring and summer for people of all ages.

For more information, call 301-314-2787.

Arboretum Displays Harvest Arrangement

An American Harvest Arrangement Display will be on view on Saturday, Nov. 16 and Sunday, Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the U.S. National Arboretum. On Sunday, at 1:30 p.m., there will be a demonstration. Both will take place in the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum. For information call 202-245-2726.

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Participants crowd together at the start of the 40th Annual Greenbelt 15k race held on September 1.

- photo by Lisa Goldman

Former Olympic Runner Joins Annual Race

by Larry Noel

The 40th Annual Greenbelt 15K race sponsored by the D.C. Road Runners Club was held on Sunday, September 1. Not many of the runners in this old but small race expected to have an Olympic runner in it but by a fortunate happenstance Don Kardong, the 1976 4th-place finisher in the marathon in Montreal, was in town. Kardong, now 47, impressed the finishers at the awards ceremony by just being there. For the record, Kardong finished in 65:17.

This 15 kilometer (9.3 mile) race is fast becoming the most remeasured and certified course in the Washington area, as it searches for the ideal start and finish through the streets of Greenbelt and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). Now all three of the Greenbelt races put on by the D.C. Road Runners Club — the 15K, the 10 and the 20-mile during the December holidays and the Washington's Birthday Marathon in February — have a common start and finish.

Keith Matiskella, 24, of Fort Belvoir, VA, was an easy winner by over two minutes in the respectable time of 51 minutes and 31 seconds. Paul Walters, 26, of Odenton, MD, was second in 53:41 in front of the ubiquitous Ted Poulos, 34, of McLean, VA,

in 56:10. Poulos was reported by the D.C. Road Runners Review in the March/April issue to have set a world record in the number of races run in the year 1995 of 215, about four races a week.

Poulos also entered the Emmitsburg One-Mile in both 1995 and 1996, 75 miles from Washington. This is one of the oldest running races held annually in the Washington area, with the record of 46:07 set by local great Bob Scharf 26 years ago. Jim Hage, our neighbor in nearby Lanham, won last year in 48:58. The first master runner was James Moreland, 44, of Gaithersburg, in fourth place overall in 56:18.

The first female was Bea Marie Alteri, 29, of Columbia, MD, in 60:49, the third year in a row she has won. In 1994 she did 56:32 and in 1995, 57:32. Second was Monica Bachmann, 31, of Gaithersburg, in 64:16. The first master was Margaret May, 49, of Silver Spring, in 89:49. The youngest runner was 10-year-old Brad Mele in 47th place in 69:28.

Veteran runner Al Gutttag, 77, did not get his oft-requested leg transplants and so did not finish in the money. Gutttag is waiting for the Maryland Senior Olympics, where he regularly medals in several distance races in his

age group.

This 15K race was honored in 1944 by being placed in the Maryland Road Runners Club of America Grand Prix Race Series, consisting of races throughout Maryland at various distances and offering cash prizes to 1st and 2nd place finishers overall and 1st place Masters, both male and female.

There was a notable increase in the number of local runners from Greenbelt. Tim Wehrkamp, 49, finished 17th in 60:00; Tom Noel, 35, in 18th place in 60:14; Sue Treacy, 33, in 4th place among the women and 46th place overall; Jim Kyliiss, 39, in 50th place in 70:05; David Alexander, 37, 63rd in 74:50; Burnette Crombie, 29, 82nd in 78:49; Barbara Fogelberg, 31, 88th in 80:34; Annemarie Bradley, 24, 90th in 80:56; Marc Manheimer, 45, 92nd in 81:27; Joe Broderick, 58, 94th in 81:46; John Salemme, 38, 117th in 104:01 and Clay Harmon, 44, 118th in 139:00. Two former Greenbelters were noted: Bill Noel, 41, of Mt. Airy, MD, 30th in 65:11 over his brother Harry, 39, of Marlton, NJ, 44th in 68:36.

A number of organizations and people made this race safe and enjoyable for the runners: BARC made its roads available to the runners, one of the safest courses

the Road Runners Club uses in the Washington area; the Greenbelt Recreation Department makes its facilities available, and the CO-OP store and the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee act as sponsors. Pud Reaver and the Laurel Volunteer Radio Communications Group

help to create the excellent turnout as they monitor the progress of the runners. The City of Greenbelt gives permission for use of the streets and many volunteers assist with the event.

A list of runners finishing this race will be available at the Recreation Department.

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Erica Baca, Sara Pray and Michael Bond are ready to go out trick or treating on Halloween night.

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Ghosts and Goblins haunted Super Crown at Greenway Center on Sunday Trick N' Treat Day.

- photo by Lisa Goldman



Christopher Bond, at Lastner Lane, offers treats to his ghostly visitors.

- photo by Prospero Zevallos

Metrorail/MARC Offer Joint Passes

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Rail Commuter (MARC) and the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) will sell joint monthly Metrorail/MARC and Metrorail/VRE passes beginning January 1. This demonstration program will continue for a year.

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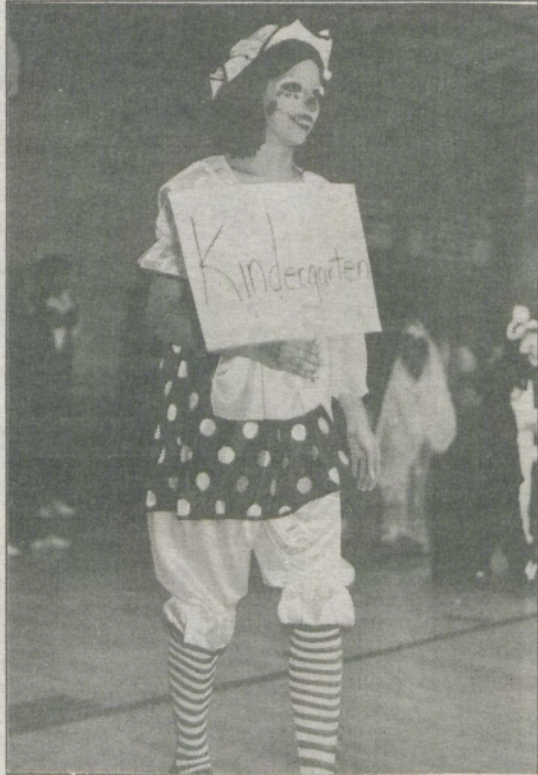
muters to ride MARC and VRE for specified distances, as with current monthly passes, and will also be good for unlimited Metrorail use during the specified month. The monthly Metrorail/MARC pass would be sold only to MARC monthly mail subscribers.

For more information, call WMATA at (202) 962-1051.



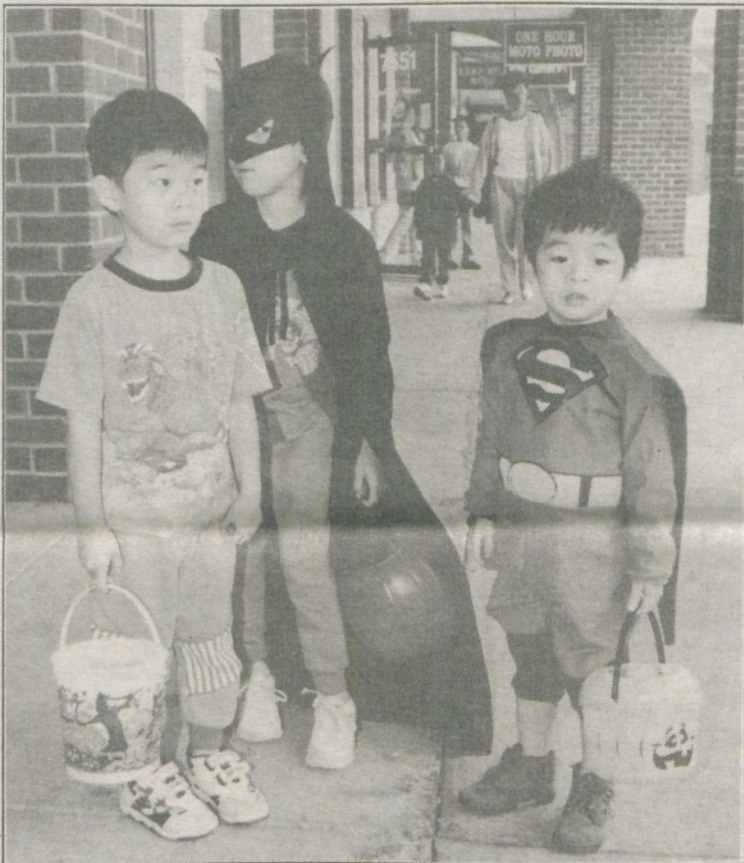
An unidentified mouse joins the Costume Parade.

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Miss Greenbelt (Heather Villalba) leads the kindergartners on parade in her Raggedy Ann costume.

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Superman and Batman with friend were sighted on Sunday at Greenway Center

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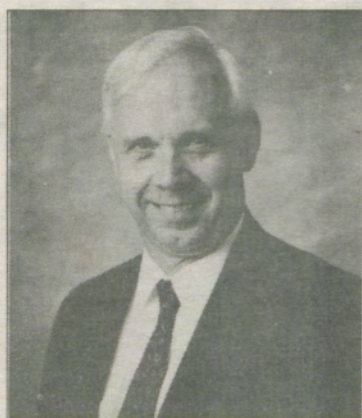
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Healey Elected To G&O Board

John Healey, Ph.D., P.E. has been elected to the Greenhorne & O'Mara (G&O) Board of Directors. Formerly the president of Ebasco Infrastructure, then Raytheon Infrastructure Services, Dr. Healey joined G&O a year ago as Vice President of Transportation.

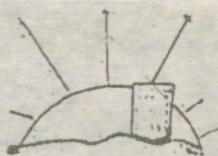
In the past year Dr. Healey has successfully pulled together diverse disciplines and regions into a single, focused Transportation Services Group. In the past six months, three feature stories on aspects of G&O's transportation practice have appeared in national trade magazines.

Dr. Healey holds a Ph.D. in civil engineering from Rutgers University, a master's degree in engineering mechanics from the University of Illinois and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Manhattan College.

Century 21 Agents Receive Awards

Long-time agent Bob Neri of Century 21 Trademark Realty was named top agent for the month of August for listing and sales. The entire Greenbelt office has also been awarded the Gold Club award for outstanding sales achievement for the first two quarters of 1996. This award is given in recognition of sales achievements indicative of an office system that works effectively even in a difficult market.

Louis M. Pope, Broker/Owner, has also announced that three more agents have joined the sales staff: Audrey Claggett, formerly with Coldwell Banker; Holly Mueck, formerly with Weichert Realtors; and Shirl Whiting, formerly with Darling Realty. This brings the total sales force to over four dozen agents serving the Greenbelt area and Prince George's County.



Lions Join Beltway Plaza Toy Collection

Beltway Plaza Mall has joined with the Greenbelt Lion's Club, radio stations WRQX (Mix 107.3) and WMMJ (Magic 102.3) to collect new toys for needy children in Prince George's County. Last year over \$15,000 in new toys was collected.

To kick off the Toy Drive, Beltway Plaza Mall will hold its 50th Annual Holiday Parade in the front of the mall on Saturday, November 23 at 1 p.m. Featured will be Ronald McDonald, the Jeepers! characters, the Redskinettes, McGruff, clowns, a fire eater, a unicyclist and Santa's Elves, who will lead Santa into the mall to meet all the children in a brief ceremony following the parade.

Greenbelt Mayor Antoinette Bram will deliver a proclamation from the City of Greenbelt. Inside festivities, beginning at 2 p.m., will include face painting, clowning, balloon sculpting, juggling, and magic acts. Parents should bring a camera to capture a special moment as their children meet all the costumed characters. Photos with Santa will begin at 2 p.m. and will continue every day till December 24.

As everyone enjoys the day and shares in the spirit of the season, the Mall asks that each family bring at least one new toy to help a needy child this year.

Library Gallery Hosts Needed

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System is seeking volunteers to work at the Greenbelt Branch Gallery, which has exhibits by county artists. Volunteers serve as hosts for The Gallery. Gallery aides are needed Monday or Wednesday from 6:30-9 p.m.

For information call Margaret Smith, 301-699-3500, ext. 230.



Greenbelt's Business

A Review

Chef's Secret Revealed

by James Giese

Greenbelters are just now beginning to learn that Chef's Secret is under new ownership, Bob and Mala Belli. Mala also is the Chef. A second new chef, Glen McAllister of the Culinary Institute of America, has joined the staff.

For many years, Chef's Secret, located at 5810 Greenbelt Road, was the best restaurant in Greenbelt. However, more recently it began to be a little seedy and tiresome. That has changed with the new owners.

The changes have been subtle and may not be noticed by the casual visitor. Fresh paint here and there, a little wallpaper, a half-partition removed, changes in the furniture arrangement, etc. The menu, at first, was not that much different, either. Gradually, a new dish has been added here and there.

New is a 5 to 6 p.m. early bird special menu. Five of us tried it and found it to be most satisfactory. The early birds are three course dinners. Our choices for main entry were beef curry, pork loin with pineapple sauce, roast leg of lamb and salmon fillet. Our group tried all but the pork, and each was satisfied with his or her choice. Virginia, however, who is experienced with hot curry, found the hot choice to not be fire starting (you can choose mild, medium or hot). The main course came with onion flavored potatoes, rice and zucchini.

For first course, you can have either a salad or soup. The salads are small, but contain a fresh variety of lettuce and other vegetables. That's the way I like it, not being an avid fan of salad bars. Soup choices were clam chowder, the thick, creamy kind, and a spicy, thick seafood gumbo. Both are very good. On the regular menu are several other good choices. I like the creamy avo-

cado soup with its generous lump of backfin crab meat.

The first course and meal is accompanied with crisp, warm French bread, a second basket easily available if needed.

For those of us who need to diet, the inclusion of a dessert choice eliminates our need to show resistance to ordering anything more after a satisfying main course. The choices were bread pudding with hard sauce, chocolate mousse and peach Melba. My bread pudding was scrumptious, but I was still tempted to trade for the peach Melba. I knew I couldn't talk the chocolate lovers out of their mousses. We all left well sated.

For the quality meal offered, the early bird menu offers good value, but not the lowest price in town. The regular menu entrees are moderately expensive, but not unreasonably priced for the quality of food served.

We've tried items on the regular menu, and while some are better than others, on the whole we have been most satisfied. My one disappointment was the beef tenderloin tips, which came broiled and with a coating of barbecue sauce. The beef was delicious on its own, and didn't need a strongly flavored sauce. On a later visit, a companion, forewarned, ordered the beef with the barbecue sauce on the side, and was happy he had done so. The beef tips come with stuffed shrimp, a tasty combination.

On the whole, Greenbelt restaurants offer good meals at good value. But if you want something special, you have to go elsewhere. Chef's Secret is the best alternative for keeping you from wandering afar.

Fight Against Hunger

TGIF on Capitol Drive and Bannigan's on Greenbelt Road are participants in Dine Across America, organized by Share Our Strength (SOS). Since 1984, SOS has distributed more than \$30 million to more than 800 organizations in the United States, Canada and around the world.

In the Washington metropolitan area, SOS funds group include The Community Area Community Food Bank, Community Family Life Services, For Love of Children, Food and Friends, The House of Ruth, and many more.

Customers at the local restaurants will find a notepad on the tables. Each coupon will add \$1 to the restaurant bill. The restaurant in turn will forward the money to SOS's Dine Across America.

SBA Award Goes To Nearby Firm

Epitech, an analysis and technical services firm based in Laurel and founded in 1985 by Paula Hollingsworth (daughter of Vincent and Nancy Puccio, Lakeside), was recently nominated for the Small Business Administration "Regional Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year," award and received the SBA's "Administrator's Award for Excellence." The company's nomination establishes the firm as one of the leading small business prime contractors in SBA's mid-Atlantic region.

Hollingsworth has had a lifelong interest in the sciences, enhanced by the study of human learning theory while working on a B.S. in psychology at the University of Maryland. In her early professional work, Hollingsworth served as a biochemistry lab technician for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Plant Virology Laboratory, under the tutelage of Marie Tousignant of Greenbelt.

Hollingsworth attributes the award to the company's uncompromising commitment to quality and value.



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Esskay Fat Free Virginia Ham	\$3.99 lb.
Esskay All Meat Low Fat Bobgna	\$2.19 lb.
Alpine Lace Low Sodium Swiss Cheese	\$4.19 lb.
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GHI Budget Emphasizes Preventive Maintenance

by Sandy Smith and Hopi Auerbach

The Greenbelt Homes Incorporated Board of Directors' November 7 meeting dispensed with most of the 23 items on its agenda swiftly, except for a long discussion of the Proposed 1997 Budget, copies of which were made available to the meeting's attendees.

Soon after the meeting was called to order by President Alan Turnbull, GHI member Sue Krofchik reported the good news that she had recently met a woman who had been born at the Greenbelt Hospital. The woman was taking pictures in Krofchik's court while she was in town for a wedding, and commented on how nice the place looks. (The Greenbelt Hospital only operated during the earliest years of the town.)

The Board voted to approve six membership applications. General Manager Gretchen Overdurff reported that there are currently 94 GHI homes on the market and 21 memberships pending. She detailed how the prospective members had heard about GHI, with the majority being word-of-mouth, and the second largest source being the Harmon Homes listing.

Isaac Robinson then announced that the current GHI newsletter has 10 pages and "lots of pictures," which he saw as a big improvement over previous issues.

Robinson also provided the requisite mention of ivy, a veritable leitmotif of GHI meetings. He said that GHI's policy on whether or not ivy is permitted to grow on exterior walls must not unfairly provide for removal of ivy from the outside of homes of elderly people or others who are not able to care for it, while able-bodied members are allowed to keep their climbing ivy.

Next, the need for clearer signs leading to the GHI offices was discussed. A new member corroborated that it was hard for her to find GHI headquarters, and that even when she did, she still wasn't sure she was at the right place.

General Manager Overdurff and President Turnbull explained the purpose behind the "Round Table" to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 14 in the GHI Board Room. GHI members are invited to attend and contribute ideas and/or prospective members to GHI's committees. Techniques for running effective meetings, and the qualifications for committee members will be discussed, in an effort to insure a sufficiently large and capable crop of members ready to step into GHI leadership roles.

1997 GHI Budget

In 1997, members' charges would go up on average by 3.5 percent, under an almost 7 million dollar budget proposed by GHI management. Members in frame units would have a 3.2 percent increase from 1996 to 1997; masonry units would go up 3.5 percent; and the larger homes would experience a 4.1 percent increase. GHI management submitted a budget of \$6,958,635 for 1997—a 6 percent increase in operating charges from 1996—for a second review at this meeting. General Manager Overdurff explained that the 1997 budget reflected an emphasis on preventive maintenance and repairs as the housing cooperative matures, and staffing changes, training, education, and equipment upgrades to keep pace with technology. At the previous meeting, management had walked through the budget item by item and the Board had numerous suggestions which had been incorpo-

rated into this second presentation. The budget will receive its first formal presentation on November 21 and its final review and adoption at the meeting on December 5. The budget was also presented at a members' forum in early November.

Budget Highlights

As in previous years, maintenance was the single largest expenditure budgeted at \$1.8 million in 1997, accounting for just over 26 percent of the budget, followed by real estate taxes at 24 percent. Other large budget items are repayment of the principal for rehab loans of 17.5 percent and administrative expenditures of 13.7 percent of the budget. Some 4.7 percent of the budget is allocated to reserves (to replace the physical plant of GHI as it ages), almost 4 percent for trash collection, and insurance for 1.8 percent of the budget. Paul Sinner, Director of Finance, explained that less than 50 percent of the budget is discretionary spending, with fixed charges for such items as real estate taxes, interest, and trash collection, for example. Income is primarily from operating charges, including members' charges, debt service, and service income, as well as other income from contract processing and leasing and interest income, for example.

New Items, Changes

The 1997 budget includes an increase in the replacement reserves of \$50,000 to bring the budget amount to \$330,000 for the year. The replacement reserve program for 1997 targets slate masonry roofs, replacement of roofs on frame and block homes, water heaters, frame porch roofs and decks, sump pumps, masonry plumbing risers, and underground oil tank removals, among other projects. Audit Committee Mem-

ber Alan Freas suggested that the budget be increased to speed the removal of the underground oil tanks now on a 13 year schedule for removal. After a good deal of discussion on the merits of this action weighted against the budget increase, the opinion of Board Member Bill Phelan prevailed. He was against raising the budget and members' charges an additional amount and suggested that budget surplus often identified throughout the year could be allocated to removing the tanks. Audit Committee Member Kathleen Weber advocated an increase in the tree trimming contract which she said was necessitated by the growth of trees and bushes in GHI and the damage they caused in bad weather. The Board decided that it had already allocated additional funds to tree trimming and declined to raise the expenditure in this budget.

In the 1997 budget, a 4 percent increase has been allocated to the Administrative and Maintenance budgets over 1996 actual salaries to allow for merit increases in 1997. A new position of Director of Physical Plant Operations has been created. This person, as yet to be recruited, will direct the combined departments of maintenance and technical services and will be in charge of virtually all areas outside the administrative arena. A fund of \$12,000 for bad debt reserves was created. In response to a question from a member who wanted to know if this was a "write-off," management responded that it was the amount that remained after all possible action has been taken to recover the debts. In response to another member question, Overdurff responded that the budget had not reflected the possible passing of TRIM since most predictions had indicated that the county's cap on property taxes would not be lifted. Nat Shinderman gave a history of the establishment of the replacement reserves fund and described

its importance in keeping up the GHI property. While agreeing with its importance, the Board declined to transfer additional funds to this area at this time.

Board Actions

In a very few minutes, the Board adopted the Landscaping Restoration Policy, reconfirmed the auditor and approved repair of a roof and skylight at 8 Woodland Way. They also moved ahead with plans to engage two companies to do the gutter cleaning, in order to have the job completed faster, provided General Manager Overdurff can confirm that the contracts do include cleaning of the porch gutters as well. This last concern was raised by Audit committee member Weber.

In closing, President Turnbull reminded the attendees that it is not necessary to "sell the piano twice." In other words, once a point has been presented persuasively in a meeting, there is no further need to add extra arguments in favor of the same point. He then offered each member of the Board an opportunity to make a closing remark. Most declined, except for Keith Jahoda, who deplored the fact that TRIM was not repealed in the recent election, and Ray Stevens, who warned of the potential privatization of commonly held areas, which would allow antennas and satellite dishes on public grounds.

Hospice Seeks Volunteers

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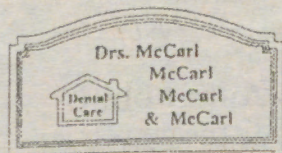
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tive environmental features" to the "greatest extent possible," Miller said. However, under the current zoning of the property, the starting threshold is that 10 percent of the woodlands must be preserved.

Miller said that it is unlikely that any endangered plant species are on the site, given the previous uses of the land. Kolste said that, likewise, while there may previously have been some significant archaeological sites on the property, these have likely been destroyed by now.

Metro Access

Harold Foster, of the Transportation Planning Division of MNCPPC, said that poor access into and out of the Metro station limits the likely development of the site. While the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), which runs Metro, typically tries to attract development in stations' "air rights," it has found it difficult at Greenbelt due to general tightness in the economy and access problems. WMATA is apparently examining what could be done to improve access. Currently, only traffic to and from the west has direct access to the station from the beltway. Traffic from the east must use either Kenilworth Avenue or Greenbelt Road to Cherrywood Lane to reach the station. The councilmembers recalled warning WMATA that access into the station from the east was poor.

Wider Area

Several councilmembers pressed for expansion of the study area. Since one of the objectives of MNCPPC is to encourage use of mass transit, Kolste said that the study area followed normal procedures in only including properties within a 1/4-mile radius of the station. This is generally based upon the distance within which people are most likely to walk between their location and the station.

Timetable

The study is projected to take roughly 18 months to complete. It will include one or more focus groups of citizens in and around the study area. He said that all citizen/homeowner organizations in the city would be invited to participate. These efforts will likely start in January with a community workshop. Meeting locations will vary, to maximize participation. Separate meetings of the focus groups may be required for the members to reach consensus. By Christmas, the division expects to have completed a working paper on issues for discussion at the community workshop. All major stakeholders, including the city, will be "exposed to" that paper, which will include additional charts on trails, educational and recreational facilities, and the like.

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A Review

Tour of Solar System At Local Planetarium

by Dennis Jelalian

The Planetarium at the Howard B. Owens Science Center currently features the program There's No Place Like Home - a tour of the solar system conducted by "The Troubadour". Each planet and its moons are described in turn. Each segment is introduced by The Troubadour, a sort of space alien puppet, who appears via slide projections and voice over. He sings a separate verse for each planet. Later, he is discovered sitting in the audience.

The device of The Troubadour and the verses he sings are a little silly. They are aimed at children, but they are short enough not to be obtrusive to an adult audience. The children in the audience ranged from about five years old to about 14 years old. The whole audience was quiet and attentive throughout, so it is clear the program held the interest of the children as well as the adults.

After the automated Troubadour program, there was an interesting and informative demonstration and discussion of the current night sky. Questions were encouraged.

The whole program is well worthwhile. There's No Place Like Home runs Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m., November 22, December 6, 13, January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. The Howard B. Owens Science Center is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road, just north of Duval High School, but it is hidden by the trees. Park in the north Duval lot. There is a small fee.

The Owens Science Center will hold an Open House Friday, November 15, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. There will be a lecture-demonstration in the planetarium and a number of other science programs. This program is free. For information on any of the above, call 301-918-8750.

Next Police Academy Begins on January 8

Chief James Craze has announced the formation of another Greenbelt Police Department Citizens' Academy to begin January 8. The twelve-week course will be held on Wednesday evenings. Persons interested in getting a behind the scenes view of what it is like to be a police officer and how to become more active in preventing crime will find the course to be interesting and informative. Registration is required as the class size is limited to 20. The application deadline is December 15. To get an application, call 507-6511.

County Surveys Due December 1

The Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) is seeking responses to a survey mailed to county households earlier this month. Approximately 7,000 households received the survey, which is being conducted in an attempt to update and supplement U.S. Census data with more detailed information.

Developed in cooperation with County agencies and municipalities, the survey is expected to provide information crucial to refining and targeting governmental services. The results will be shared with County agencies and used to identify changes in population characteristics which would influence the need for services. The questions on the confidential survey generally mirror those asked in the 1990 Census (e.g., household size, automobiles owned, place of work). However, the survey also ventures into new areas such as computer usage and accessibility of health care service.

Only a fraction of all County households were sent a survey form. Because of the sample size and the value of this information in planning for the County's future, the cooperation of those who received a survey form is critical. Initial results are expected to be available early in 1997. To meet this schedule, planners are requesting that completed surveys be returned by December 1.

For more information about the survey or assistance in completing it, contact the MNCPPC Planning Department's Research Section at (301) 952-3918, TTY (301) 952-3796.

Explore the World Of Opera Heroines

The Maryland Opera Studio will explore the world of opera heroines and divas with a series of panel discussions, lectures and recitals held in conjunction with the production of "Fatal Song." The series runs from Saturday, Nov. 16 through Friday, Nov. 22. A free production of "The Medium" by Menotti will be offered on Thursday, Nov. 21, Saturday, Nov. 23 and Sunday, Nov. 24. The events will take place at the University of Maryland School of Music in College Park. For information call 301-405-1150.

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at the Spellman pedestrian overpass of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. He would prefer to request funds for such equipment, he said.

Bram agreed that a camera at that location would be desirable. She noted the use of video cameras at the Metro site. "If there are problem spots, cameras can be a deterrent to crime," she said.

She suggested that Metro officials might provide information about acquiring and setting up such equipment.

On the question of the legality of installing such a camera, city attorney Robert Manzi said that no problems would arise, "as long as it's public." He noted that cameras are now being used to monitor traffic conditions throughout the metropolitan area.

Following a motion, which council passed, to explore the possibility of applying for a camera, City Manager Mike McLaughlin said that a report would be prepared expeditiously.

Wall of Fame

Council accepted a report from the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) concerning a possible "Wall of Fame" to be established in the community building. CRAB members have in mind a tree-shaped figure with many leaves, each of which would carry the name of a person being commemorated.

According to the CRAB report, such a design would be "relatively expandable" and could become "a visible symbol of community involvement and volunteerism." Council referred the report to the Arts Advisory Committee.

Council Tidbits

—Council passed for first reading a charter amendment resolution bringing the wording of the city's charter concerning the distance limit for electioneer-

ing at polling places into conformity with the annotated code of the state of Maryland.

—Council also passed for first reading a change in the city ordinance concerning absentee ballots and a resolution requiring members of the Board of Elections to be present on election day while the election is being conducted.

—Council approved a new job description for the director and a possible assistant director of the Aquatic and Fitness Center. When the first position was originally created, only the Aquatic Center had been opened. The change makes clear that supervision of the Fitness Center is also included in the responsibilities for this position.

—Council authorized the purchase of a new salt spreader at \$7,087, which would be cheaper by about \$1,000 than repairing the nine-year-old spreader.

—Mayor Bram accepted the consensus position of the rest of council that she represent them on the city's 60th Anniversary Committee. Already appointed to this committee were Paul Sabol, L. Patricia Adelaide, and Emory Harmon.

—Joyce Chestnut was reappointed to serve another three-year term on the Advisory Planning Board.

Legal Help Needed

The Law Foundation of Prince George's County provides free civil legal services to indigent individuals in Prince George's County. The Foundation is looking for someone with excellent organization and administrative skills plus good people skills. A legal degree or experience in a law firm would be extremely helpful, although it is not required.

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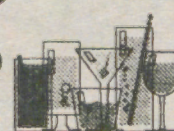
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Arts Center Presents Historical Musical

by Jeri Holloway

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In honor of Prince George's Tricentennial celebration, the Greenbelt Arts Center proudly presents The Magical Mystery History Museum, a musical play that highlights Prince George's first 300 years. The matinee performance at 2 p.m. makes it especially suited for children of all ages.

As the play opens, we see five young Prince Georgians trapped in an old museum that no one can explain. A Watchman of History tells the visitors that the building appears every 100 years and the only way they can escape is to learn some facts about Prince George's history. It is truly amazing how much fun this history lesson can be.

The Washington Stage Guild in conjunction with Maryland National Capital Park and Planning - Arts and Cultural Heritage Division is presenting this play throughout the county during this Tricentennial to rave reviews. Performances have been given at many county schools as well as Bowie Allen Pond Amphitheater, Montpelier Mansion and Oxon Hill Manor.

The Greenbelt Arts Center is honored to present this outstanding production in Greenbelt and hope that all Greenbelters as well as other county residents will come to see the show. The Arts Center

Presidential Race Brought Out Voters

By Maria Godoy,
and Jennifer Waller

Greenbelt voters said presidential elections brought them to the polls last Tuesday, despite predictions of lagging voter interest in the race for the White House.

Throughout much of the 1996 campaign, political observers noted that President Clinton's imposing lead on Republican candidate Bob Dole made the presidential race seem decided early on and anticipated that the voters' primary focus would turn to local elections. However, Greenbelt voters exiting the Greenbelt Community Center voting site indicated that presidential politics were still their main concern at the ballot.

"When polls show such a big gap between the candidates in the presidential race, that's all the more reason to come out and make your vote be heard," said one man who wished to remain unidentified.

Several voters expressed dissatisfaction with the choice of presidential candidates, noting that the ethical charges against Clinton and the lack of a focused message in the Dole campaign had left them with a

will hold its own birthday salute to the county after the 50-minute play's conclusion. As an added attraction, the Greenbelt Museum, at 10-B Crescent Road, will be open after the play until 4 p.m. Plan to bring your Tricentennial Passport and take in some of Greenbelt's history. The Greenbelt Arts Center is located at 123 Centerway, next to the Post Office in the heart of Old Greenbelt. Please call 441-8770 for ticket information and to reserve a seat.



Voters waiting to check in at Precinct 3, the Community Center, during the morning rush.

- photo by Steve Fletcher

distaste for both major party candidates.

"It was basically a choice of who is the lesser of two evils," said Lorraine Hurley, a resident of Greenbelt.

Among those polled, 38 out of 40 voters said they voted for the presidential candidate and congressional representative of the same party.

Voters named Question B, the measure to repeal TRIM, as the main local issue with which they were concerned.

"If I were to move, it would be because the property tax is too high," Glorianna Lau, said.

Changes Greenbelt voters said they would like to see in the future included less traffic, lower taxes, fewer highways and increased police presence. However, those interviewed expressed a general contentment with the Greenbelt community.

Praise for City

Greenbelt voters praised the community for its convenient location, safety, serenity and its close-knit feel.

"I like the small-town feeling with the big-city access," said Tonya Ford.

"I can walk and feel safe," said Tammy Tropp.

The majority of the voters interviewed said they plan on remaining Greenbelt residents.

Janet Parker has been a resident for the past 35 years and plans on remaining in Greenbelt "forever."

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Tiasha Boyd puts her ballot in Greenbelt Elementary School's ballot box. Waiting for a turn are Daniel Grunberg and Lauren Hall

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Voters wait in lines in the gym at Springhill Lake Elementary School, Precinct 8.

- photo by Steve Fletcher



Precinct workers are ready for voters at Greenbelt Elementary School's election on November 1. Standing, l. to r. - Robin Brown, parent volunteer, Brenda Rison, third grade teacher and La Tarsha Bell. Seated l. to r., Alexis Washington and Tiffany Cox.

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A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

Autumn is the time to clean-up this year's garden and to prepare for next year. A crisp, sunny autumn day is to be savored before the cold weather comes to stay, so get outside and enjoy it as you work in the garden.

Cleaning up this year's debris is not just a matter of being neat and tidy. Fallen leaves left on grass and other low growing plants can kill them. Leaves left in drainage channels and swales can mean poor drainage in the yard all winter and a water logged yard. Dead plants left in the garden bed will provide food and shelter for a new generation of insect pests and plant diseases. As an example, earlier in the year I advised cleaning up the tomato bed completely if the plants were sickly as a first line of defense against the same problem next year.

When cleaning garden beds also remove weeds and weed seeds. Some weeds will wait out the winter and jump back with vigor in the spring. Mulch later if you want, but clean out the garden beds to the bare soil to get rid of the undesirables. The exception to this is to only remove the dead parts of perennials, for some will keep a small group of green leaves all winter.

It can not be said often enough - when you clean up dispose of the yard waste properly. Nobody likes to see piles of yard waste along the road side or in the woods. A big pile will not decompose rapidly in the woods and will kill off all the wild plants underneath it. The right ways are to compost or follow city instructions for leaf pick-up in your neighborhood. And anytime of the year call for special trash pick-up at your house by calling 474-8004. Tell them what you want removed

and they will tell you what to do.

The nutrients in dead tree leaves can be a valuable addition to the garden, so use them as mulch or compost them. An additional advantage to composting is not having to bag up leaves. Just rake them onto a tarp and dump them in the compost heap.

There are many types of composting containers available and much information about composting available in books and pamphlets. Do the neighbors a favor and screen the compost heap in some manner and keep large items out of the compost since they will not decompose.

It is getting late for planting spring flowering bulbs. If you have bulbs on hand do so since the time of year to plant most is the autumn. But don't delay since bulbs need time to grow before the really cold weather sets in for good.



Placards designated polling places. This sample is at Precinct 3, the Community Center.

- photo by Steve Fletcher

Election Workers Surprised At Large Voter Turnout

by Daniel J. Sernovitz

When the Springhill Lake Elementary school opened its door to the polls this past election day, election workers had no real reason to believe that voter turnout would be different than in previous years, wavering around 30% of all registered voters.

When the polls closed at the elementary school, however, the percentage was nowhere near 30%, but rather at 56.64%, proving that voters felt they had a lot to say.

Unlike prior years, though, this year's ballot had two propositions on it that threaten to shape the disposition of Greenbelt and all of Prince George's County: the Tax Reform Initiative by Marylanders (TRIM). If passed, the measure would repeal a property tax cap that has existed in the county for years. The other initiative would have required voter approval on all tax increases.

When the election results came in, the property tax cap remained in place, and the initiative requiring voter approval on all tax increases had passed. For many of the voters interviewed at the elementary school prior to closing time at the polls, both issues received only a lukewarm reception.

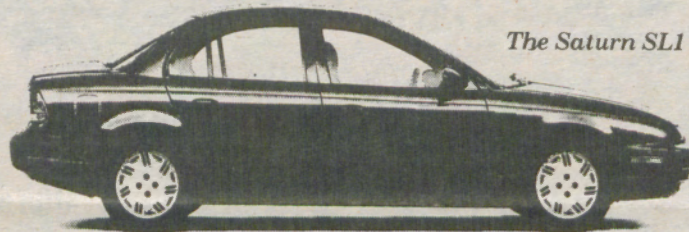
While five out of twelve voters surveyed were for the voter approval initiative, six had no opinion on the issue and only one was against it. With the repeal of TRIM, six voters out of 12 were for it, three had no opinion

and three were against it.

As for overall opinion of the Greenbelt area, there were also mixed opinions. One voter who has lived in the area for two years said that "Certain parts [of the area] are really segmented, and not inclusive to people of color." Another couple surveyed said that they "liked the diversity of population, and people involved in community efforts."

Another voter said, "I think it's a nice place, clean roads, and crime is controlled." Another voter felt that in recent years the crime problem is a major issue.

So while it can be inferred through the fact that turnout was over 50% that the voters had a lot to say on this past election day, it is equally uncertain what the voters as a community had to say.



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City Notes

Plants, perennials, and bulbs were planted at the Municipal Building, Police Station, and two circles at Greenbriar. Schrom Hills Park flower beds were prepared for planting. Trash was collected from City parks and athletic facilities. Soccer fields were prepared for league play and playground maintenance continued. A replacement for the Ryan Way street sign was fabricated and installed. Centerway was cleaned for Veterans' Day ceremonies.

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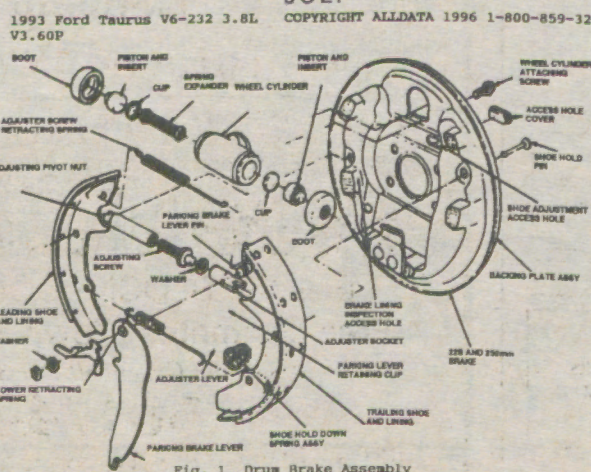
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Mixed Crime Report Shows Overall Drop

by James K. Giese

For the first nine months of this calendar year there has been a small decrease in crime in Greenbelt over the first nine months of 1995. Of the seven categories of Class I crimes recorded by the Greenbelt Police Department for the Uniform Crime Reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, five showed decreases in the number of crimes committed. Murders were down 50% (1 vs. 2), rapes were also down 50% (2 vs. 4), and assaults were down 25% (100 vs. 133). However, a dramatic 186% increase in robberies (63 vs. 22) offset the gains in the other categories to make the total number of crimes against persons for the nine months increase by 3%.

Although the number of robberies so far this year is unusually high, the number for the previous year was unusually low. This reflects the significant variance in crimes that can occur in a small city like Greenbelt on a month-to-month and year-to-year basis, making it difficult to spot crime trends.

Property crimes for the nine months were down 7%. Burglaries and breaking and enterings are down 22% (104 vs. 134) and thefts, except autos, are down 10% (744 vs. 829). Auto thefts, on the other hand are up significantly from the previous year, 26% (196 vs. 156). However, auto thefts were lower than usual in 1995.

State and County

The Maryland State Police have compiled their crime data for the first six months of 1996 for the state and each county. According to this Uniform Crime Report, crime throughout the state remained at about the same level, with an increase of 0.1%. Crimes against persons were up 0.3% and property crimes were up 0.1% compared to the first six months of 1995.

For the same period in Prince George's County, there was a 2% increase in the number of crimes committed. Although murders and rapes were down significantly, total crimes against persons were up by 6%. Property crimes increased by 1% in the county, mostly due to an increase in motor vehicle thefts.

PG Artists Host Fall Art Show

The Prince George's Artists Association announces its annual juried autumn fine arts show and sale featuring some of the county's finest talent. Greenbelt fine arts award-winning artists participating in the show include: Marti Lewis, a watercolorist; and Cody Pierson and Jo Pritchard, both displaying mixed media.

The show will be held in the Community Room of the Market Place Mall on Route 450 in Bowie on Saturday, November 16 from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 17, from noon to 4 p.m. The artists' reception will be held on Saturday, November 16, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The show is free to the public. Some original art work will be available for sale.

For additional information, please call 301-262-9017 or 301-336-8414.

POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

A woman complained to police on November 4 that the manager of a store at the Beltway Plaza had assaulted her during a customer dispute. The responding officer advised her of her legal options, after which she was asked by the store manager to leave the premises. The Bowie resident refused that and several more requests made by the manager and then the officer. Arrested and charged with trespass, she was later released on citation pending trial.

An employee of TGI Fridays reported that he observed a man placing two empty beer kegs belonging to the restaurant in a vehicle on November 6. When the complainant asked the man what he was doing, the man drove away in the vehicle. He is described as a white male in his thirties, 6'2" in height, weighing 180 pounds with short, sandy brown, curly hair and wearing a light blue tee shirt and blue jeans. His car was an older model blue mid-size American car. A computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle, Maryland YCL136, belonged to another car.

Hotline on Drugs

The Greenbelt Police Department needs the help of residents. Any citizen with information about possible drug activity in the city is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Narcotics Hot Line at 507-6524. Callers may remain anonymous.

The School Resource Officer observed two students smoking cigarettes on the grounds of Eleanor Roosevelt High School on November 1. One of the youths was also found to be in possession of suspected marijuana. The 15-year-old Lanham youth was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana on school property. He was released on citation pending action by the Board of Education and the Juvenile Justice System.

A woman reported the theft of money from her bank account on November 5. She told the police that she had inadvertently left her card in the automatic teller machine at a bank at Greenway Center. Police investigation is continuing.

In the 5900 block of Springhill Drive on November 4, a resident

reported a burglary. Entrance may have been gained with a key. A video camera and several compact discs were taken. Other thefts reported were from a retail store under construction at the Beltway Plaza on November 5 where electrical equipment was taken and at the Safeway Store on the same date where a customer reported that a cellular phone had been taken from her purse.

Car thefts reported during the week were from the: 6100 block Breezewood Court on November 1, a 1992 Honda Prelude 2-door (recovered in Baltimore on November 4); 8100 block Lakecrest Dr. on November 2, a 1985 Chevrolet Caprice Classic 4-door (recovered November 6 in Capitol Heights); 7700 block Hanover Parkway on November 4, a black 1992 Honda Prelude 2-door, Maryland SKV522; 8200 block Canning Terrace, on the same date, where another 1992 Honda Prelude 2-door was taken and later recovered by the Maryland State Police in Dunkirk, where two juveniles were arrested and charged with theft; 6800 block Damsel Court on November 6, a tan 1994 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland DHK792; 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace on the same date, a blue 1984 Chevrolet truck, Maryland 81C043; 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, also the same date, a grey 1986 Honda Accord 2-door, Maryland BHF013; 7700 block Greenbelt Rd., a grey 1983 Oldsmobile Cutlass 2-door, MD BTC732, also November 6; and 7500 block Greenway Center Drive, a silver 1988 Oldsmobile Delta 88 4-door, VA QTL785. Registration plates taken from a vehicle in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway on September 4 were recovered on November 4 by the Riverdale Police from an unoccupied car.

Vandals broke a window in the 100 block of Northway on November 2. The incident was reported at 2:56 p.m.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported at the Beltway Plaza on November 2, 5 and 8; the area of Kenilworth Avenue at I-95 on November 4; and the 7400 block Greenway Center Drive, 20 court Ridge, 7400, 7600 (two incidents), and 7800 (three incidents) blocks of Hanover Parkway, all on November 6.

Carbon Monoxide Danger in Homes

Carbon monoxide (CO) can occur in any home. It is colorless, odorless - and because people may not know it's there, it can be life-threatening.

The early symptoms of CO poisoning - stinging, watery eyes followed by nausea, aches, and dizziness - are often mistaken for the flu. As a result, CO poisoning may sneak up on people who are unaware of the danger signs. Even low concentrations of the gas can be dangerous if inhaled over a long period of time. At high concentrations, it can be deadly.

What causes CO? How can it be prevented?

CO is created when a fuel is not burned completely - oil, coal, natural gas, gasoline, or even wood or charcoal. Often it's caused by a blocked chimney, vent, or flue passage that keeps air from getting to the source of combustion. Or it may be caused by a poorly adjusted burner.

CO produced by home appliances is especially treacherous because it's unexpected.

A safety booklet covering these and other subjects is available at no charge from Washington Gas. To obtain a copy, telephone the gas company at 703-750-1000.

Mountcastle Joins Greenbelt CARES

Tammy Mountcastle started work recently as a Family Counselor with Greenbelt CARES. Her experience includes working with families and individuals in a community mental health center, a youth services bureau, and a county health department. Tammy enjoys her family, roller blading and shopping during her leisure hours. She attended a preview of a program entitled "Ready or Not; Talking With Kids About Alcohol," held at the Prince George's County Health Department. The program is designed to assist parents in addressing the issues of illegal underage alcohol use in children and adolescents. Facilitators' kits, consisting of a video tape and guide, scenario cards, and pamphlets, may be obtained free of charge through the Central Council.

An average of 19 families participated in regular, scheduled counseling during October. Forty-four individuals were involved, 50% of them children and youth under 18 years of age. Weekly tutoring sessions were held in a wide variety of subjects with 45 students participating.

Carol and Allan Leventhal have become grandparents for the fourth time with the addition of Shoshana Cate Leventhal. Shoshana is the new daughter of Rick Leventhal and Penny Daniels and little sister to Veronica.

REALTY 1 982-0044

PRICE REDUCTION! "MAKE ME AN OFFER"
Single family home in Adelphi is a cape cod with 4BR's & 2BA's. Screen porch overlooks big yard with azaleas, trees & flowers. Brick FP, eat-in kitchen, full basement, rec room, laundry & workshop. **\$912 monthly NOW \$134,900**

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Approx. 2000 sqft of living space. Immense living room with fireplace! 4BR's. Master suite w/private full bath including a Jacuzzi tub! Huge eat-in kitchen. 2nd full bath. Free garage. Your dream home. **\$1101 monthly NOW \$99,900**

2BR BRICK Separate dining room with built-in buffet table, granite storage. Oak cabinets in updated modern kitchen. 4 Ceiling fans, built-in A/C & fireplace. Top condition sunny yard. Close to the Center! **\$689 monthly \$54,900**

JUST LISTED 3 FINISHED LEVELS!
Completely renovated modern basement with den, rec room, laundry room and full bath. Main level includes large expanded living room, half bath and loaded eat-in kitchen. 4BR's & shared masterbath. Across from elem school! **\$94,990**

AMAZING PRICE Impressive 3BR BLOCK home is super clean and bright with NEW W/D! Modern bath, updated kitchen & separate DR. Fenced backyard and landscaped front w/shed. Close to the Center! **\$676 monthly \$49,900**

BREATHTAKING VIEW! 2BR is nestled against the woods with an awesome deck. Big dining area, remodeled see-thru kitchen & country decor. Updated bath. **\$593 monthly \$39,900**

SPLENDID 2BR backs to woods! Private deep backyard, landscaped front. Secluded location is on a no-traffic street. Superior condition includes new carpet. Modern open & expanded kitchen also has a breakfast bar. Upgraded oak & ceramic bath. **\$555 monthly \$34,900**

LOWER LEVEL END! 1BR with huge corner yard! Modern interior with fresh paint & neutral carpet. Open kitchen with big breakfast bar. Separate laundry room. **\$441 monthly \$26,900**

3BR BLOCK END UNIT! Highly desirable large corner lot. Great location is within walking distance to the center. Updated kitchen & bath. Separate dining room. **\$745 monthly \$59,900**

2BR WIDE END UNIT! Full length family rm addition has a **HALF BATH**. Sliding glass door views private wooded yard w/scrubbed patio. Renovated kitchen has full size washer & dryer, dishwasher & fridge w/ice & water in the door. Ceramic tile bath. Refinished hardwood floors are blond & beautiful. **\$709 monthly \$54,900**

COUNTRY DECOR 3BR with clear view kitchen & stairway. Enlarged dining area with ceiling

fan. Extra large capacity W/D, decorative wood beam ceiling & custom honeycomb blinds. **\$641 monthly \$2,000 Closing Help! \$44,900**

BRICK 2BR home has unusual floor plan and an extremely desirable location. Quiet courts near the library. Must see condition. Some shaded & landscaped yard. **\$765 monthly \$64,900**

NEW PRICE! \$734 monthly BLOCK home has a unique layout, high interior, party et flrs, modern kitchen addition, landscaped yard & patio. **\$660 Closing Help! NOW \$54,900!**

JUST LISTED 3BR END unit has 2 FULL BATHS! Big fenced yard, custom shed & landscaping. Lighted ceiling in dining area, built-in A/C & W/W carpet. Full size W/D in bright kitchen & fridge w/ice maker. Great play area & lots of parking. **\$755 monthly \$59,900**

NOW AVAILABLE! CENTRAL A/C! 3BR home has a separate laundry room and a Florida room addition. Modern table-size kitchen. Built-in loft bed in 3rd BR. Great condition. Fenced front & backyards. **\$651 monthly \$45,900**

PRICE REDUCED! Just add furniture! Fenced backyard with full-sized deck, sensor light & shed with electricity. Brand new oak cabinetry in roomy modern kitchen. Enlarged dining area & new W/W carpeting. Reglazed tub in updated bath. 2BR's **\$582 monthly NOW \$36,900**

FREE GARAGE 3BR BLOCK home. Huge eat-in kitchen is loaded w/cabinets & counters, has a big fridge & washer & dryer. Large living room with W/W carpet. Fenced backyard, covered porch & pretty view. Located near the library. **\$724 monthly \$1,000 Closing Help! \$53,900**

GREAT INTEREST RATES Call for details

JUST LISTED 4BR BRICK END UNIT! Rare and very sought after location. Private yard backs to woods. Large eat-in kitchen, modern oak W/D cabinets, washer & dryer. Full master bath & reglazed tub. Gorgeous hardwood flrs. **\$69,900**

PRICE REDUCED ON THIS 3BR BLOCK HOME Upgraded kitchen w/white tile floor & sep DR. Fresh white paint makes this bright & airy home desirable & quiet court. Fenced yard w/tranquil setting. **\$741 monthly \$56,500**

Mortgage payments (principal + interest) quoted are to qualified buyers, 10% down payment, conventional 30 yr rate of 8.25%. Greenbelt Townhome payments also include co-op fees. Rates are subject to change.

Leonard & Holley Wallace

